

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for nebulizing a tracheostomy tube are disclosed. A nebulizing pad includes a flap and an absorbent central core for containing a nebulizing agent. The absorbent central core is saturated with a nebulizing agent and placed proximate to the opening of a tracheostomy tube by adhering the flap to an edge of the tracheostomy tube. A user nebulizes the tracheostomy tube by inhaling air through the absorbent central core into the tracheostomy tube. As inhaled air passes through the absorbent central core, at least a portion of the nebulizing agent intermixes with the air in vaporous form. This moistened air vapor intermixture then enters the tracheostomy tube and nebulizes the tube and the trachea.